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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCHANIS.

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ITEM NO: BH-6 8

DATE: 9 APRIL 74

SUBJECT: SOVIET AID TO EGYPT REPORTEDLY HALTED

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ON APRIL 6, PRESIDENT SADAT TOLD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT THE USSR HAD "JUST" CEASED

DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNDER "OLD" CONTRACTS. HE
ADDED THAT ECONOMIC AID SHIPMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN HALTED.

THE ALLEGED SOVIET FAILURE TO FULFILL PRE-WAR MILITARY CON-
TRACTS HAS BEEN A FAMILIAR REFRAIN FROM THE EGYPTIANS IN RECENT
MONTHS. BUT THE CLAIM HAS NOT BEEN BORNE OUT BY SOVIET SHIP MOVE-
MENTS. SEABORNE DELIVERIES, BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC, HAVE BEEN
MAINTAINED AT USUAL LEVELS.

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THE EGYPTIANS MAY

WELL EXPECT THAT, BY PUTTING THE WORST FACE ON THE EGYPTIAN-SOVIET MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, THEY CAN INDUCE A FAVORABLE US RESPONSE.

THE LAST SHIP TO ARRIVE IN EGYPT DOCKED THE SAME DAY SADAT MADE HIS COMMENTS, AND ANOTHER IS CURRENTLY EN ROUTE. SADAT MAY HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OF A VERY RECENT SOVIET DECISION--BROUGHT ON PERHAPS BY THE INTENSIFIED EGYPTIAN SNIPING AT MOSCOW--WHOSE EFFECTS WOULD NOT YET BE OBSERVABLE [REDACTED] IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT WILL BE ANOTHER SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE A HALT IN MILITARY DELIVERIES COULD BE PINPOINTED; A TWO- TO THREE-WEEK HIATUS IN DELIVERIES HAS NOT BEEN UNUSUAL IN THE PAST, AND A LONGER INTERRUPTION WOULD BE NEEDED TO DETERMINE WITH ANY CERTAINTY THAT SHIPMENTS HAD BEEN HALTED. E-2 IMPDET-H

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